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On Thursday, August 6, 2015, at approximately 9:30 p.m., a 9 year-old boy was crossing the street from west to east on Glassell at Wilson with his older sister. Witnesses reported that two vehicles traveling n/b on Glassell from Collins both ran a red light at the Glassell and Wilson intersection. The 9 year-old boy was struck while the two vehicles continued north, failing to stop. The victim was treated by OFD paramedics and transported to a nearby hospital where he later died. The victim's sister was uninjured.

The two vehicles involved in the fatal collision later collided at the intersection of Glassell and Taft, and were detained by police. The drivers and sole occupants are Jerro Roderick (51 Years) and Miguel Villa Gomez (26 Years) respectively. Both drivers were booked into Orange County Jail for vehicular manslaughter, and driver-Roderick had an additional charge of hit & run resulting in a death.

The collision is still under investigation by the Orange Police Department Major Accident Investigation Team (MAIT). Anyone who may have witnessed the incident is asked to contact the Orange Police Department at 714-744-7444.



Gomez Villa, Miguel



Roderick, Jerro

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